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Why run for the Board of Education? I remember hearing these words when I served in the House of Representatives from a very dedicated Senator: "Should you rise to a position where people will listen to you, you can no longer speak for yourself. You must speak for those who have no voice!"

With the federal No Child Left Behind law, all students must be proficient in math and reading by 2014. How do we help those who have no voice?

As teachers, we know that smaller class size counts in achieving student learning objectives. As teachers, we know that discipline in the classroom is imperative to learning. We understand how important it is to have our schools repaired and maintained, and committed, qualified teachers who care about their students. We understand how parent involvement is crucial to student learning.

I have taught for many years at our public schools... Pearl City High School, Honolulu Community College, University of Hawaii as well as being in the House of Representatives. Currently, I am an Adjunct Professor of Management and Marketing at HPU and UHKCC. The other hat I wear is that of Principal Broker for Hilton Grand Vacations Club, and we hire a lot of students from the Travel Industry Management classes.

Because of my experience as a teacher/professor and equipped with a doctoral degree, I feel it is my duty to help those who have no voice...our children. I want to be a part of this movement to effect change as a member of the Board of Education. I humbly ask for your vote.